

MONO COUNTY
GIS WORKING GROUP / STEERING COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 2003

AGENDA OF ITEMS
Bridgeport Board Room

Policy Issues

- a. Discuss data distribution issues (Stacey Simon - County Council)
- b. Discuss data update process

Schedule Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, June 4th, 2003
South County Conference Room: 9am - 11:00am

WORKING GROUP / STEERING COMMITTEE

April 23, 2003

ATTENDEES: Clay Neely Pete Eilertsen Ron Garcia Stacey Simon Nate Greenberg

SYNOPSIS: The focus of this meeting was on discussing data distribution policies for the parcels and assessor database.

MINUTES:

POLICY ISSUES

DATA DISTRIBUTION

Stacey Simon from County Council was present for the legal portions of this discussion. The following notes in are her comments and findings. Nate researched many of these questions. His findings are in the accompanying documents.

- Sec. 408.3 - Revenue and Taxation Code talks about property characteristic information maintained by Assessor
 - States: The county can charge for the actual costs of the distribution of materials (but not for the public coming in and looking).
 - Includes: Duplication, reproduction, developmental, overhead (15-20%), personnel and capital costs
- Sec. 409 talks about any records that the Assessor is not required to keep by law.
 - It is the opinion of County Council that this does not include the digital basemap, but just the assessor map pages that are required by the state.
- Council found that the county can re-coop actual costs of data development, maintenance and distribution.
 - Price charged has to be based on actual numbers:
 - Cost of development (consultants, staff time, etc)
 - Tax role database has possibly cost up to \$1million for development and maintenance
 - Cost of maintenance
 - Cost of distribution
 - The goal can be to re-coop the entire amount, but has to be amortized over a longer period of time to ensure that the per-purchase costs are not insurmountable.
 - How many people will buy the data?
 - Over how much time would we like to recover the costs?
 - Finally, what is the 'fair market value' of the data - what are people willing to pay?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of charging more or less for the data set?
- Post-marketing is also an option:
 - County would release or sell the data to one or a few data providers who would re-sell the data for the county and give a commission to the county based on data sales.
 - Tuolumne and Del Norte counties are looking into this approach as well
- A license agreement has to be developed and approved by the County Council that must be signed before the data will be distributed